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COMBINED DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a United States Letters Patent is sought on the invention entitled "AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED HAND-SUPPORTABLE LASER SCANNING BAR CODE SYMBOL READING SYSTEM WITH OMNIDIRECTIONAL AND UNIDIRECTIONAL SCANNING MODES IN ADDITION TO A DATA TRANSMISSION ACTIVATION SWITCH", the Specification of which was filed on November 13, 2001 and assigned Application No. 10/014,342, and for which a United States Patent is sought.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified Specification, including the Claims to Invention.

I hereby claim the benefit of the earlier filing dates of the following United States Patent Applications listed below: 09/204,176 filed December 3, 1998; and 09/452,976 filed December 2, 1999; each said application being commonly owned by Assignee, Metrologic Instruments, Inc., of Blackwood, New Jersey, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between March 24, 1998, the filing date of prior U.S. Application No. 09/204,176 identified above, and November 13, 2001, the national filing date of this application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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